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ENROLMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of student population pursuing higher education in the country;

(b) whether the Government has chalked out any plan to improve enrolment of students during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any target upto the year 2012;

(e) if so, the plans to achieve the said target; and

(f) the number of additional degree colleges set up during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 for the expansion of higher education?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (e): The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for higher education is at present around 10%, which is proposed to be raised to 15% during XIth Five Year Plan period. Various schemes of development assistance to eligible colleges and universities for improving quality of higher education are being implemented through the University Grants Commission (UGC). These schemes aim, inter-alia, at improving curriculum, strengthening infrastructure, orientation and in-service training of the teachers and encourage research. The UGC provides Special Development Grant for universities in Backward Areas. It is also proposed to assist State Governments, to incentivise them to establish one college in each district which has a low Gross Enrolment Ratio, during the XI Plan, subject to availability of resources.

(f): While the Central Government do not establish Colleges, according to the UGC, the number of Colleges including Colleges recognized under Section 2 (f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act for the purposes of eligibility for financial assistance has gone up from 17,625 during 2004-05 to 18,064 during 2005-06.